

Subject: Preparing for wet weather

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Friend --

We have been blessed with several rain events over the past month, and it appears that more wet weather is on the way!

I want to remind you about the City services available to help residents cope with the inclement weather, as well as provide some tips on what to do around your home to protect your family and four legged companions.

Here are some tips to prepare yourself for the wet weather ahead:

- Check your catch basins to make sure they are clear of debris. Call LASAN at 311 or 1-800-773-2489 for assistance with debris removal.
- Ensure your building drainage is clear of debris, including rain gutters.
- Secure any loose palm fronds, tarps, loose items that may be carried away by rain or be blown away.
- Cover steep slopes on your property that are not vegetated, which may become unstable when saturated by rain.
- Use sandbags to protect properties in low lying areas. Contact your neighborhood fire station for sandbags.
- Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- If you have sprinklers, turn them off before, during and after rain.
- Install rain barrels to capture rain. LADWP provides rebates for up to 4 rain barrels per property.
- Please reduce water consumption during rain to reduce flows in our sewers.

Also, consider creating an emergency kit that includes the following items: Food and water to last three days to a week (extra for pets); First aid kit & medications (over-the-counter and prescription); Radio (with extra batteries); Cash and important documents; Blankets; Clothing and sturdy shoes; Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle); Sanitation and hygiene supplies.

Finally, please see this link on the [LAFD website](#) for additional safety tips.

Please take the necessary steps to keep you and your family safe this winter. Of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to call my district office at 213-207-3015.

Stay safe,

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

HEADLINES

New bike lanes striped on Fletcher Drive [\[STREETSBLOG\]](#)

Councilman comes up with way to fund LA River restoration [\[CURBED\]](#)

Ordinance removes criminal history from job applications [\[BEVERLY PRESS\]](#)

PROJECT TO MAKE HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD MORE WALKABLE



HOLLYWOOD - Maintaining his record as a pedestrian safety advocate, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell recently transferred \$850,000 from the Hollywood Mobility Trust Fund for a major streetscape improvement project that will transform the eastern portion of Hollywood.

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US ARMY CORPS REMINDS LA RIVER SHARED PATH USERS OF CLOSURE AND DETOUR



LA RIVER - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Los Angeles District, is reminding Angelenos that the LA River Shared Path is only available for public use Monday through Friday after 4:00 p.m., and on weekends, while work takes place to remove non-native vegetation, trash and debris in the area adjacent to Elysian Valley.

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LA DOT) installed a shared path detour and signage around the construction zone. LADOT closed the LA River Shared Path from Gilroy Street (west of SR-2)

to Riverside Drive (at I-110), Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from October 17, 2016 through March 15, 2017.

For questions regarding the Corps maintenance activities within the Los Angeles River please call (213) 452-3294.

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LADWP ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FOR WATER AND ENERGY CONSERVATION

LOS ANGELES - The Department of Water and Power (LADWP) announced the opening of the application period for a fifth general round of Community Partnership grants to local 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. The grants can be utilized for community outreach and public education activities to improve energy efficiency and water conservation throughout the City. Nineteen grants totaling \$945,000 are proposed to be funded by LADWP.

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TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE - WINONA BOULEVARD AND SUNSET BOULEVARD



EAST HOLLYWOOD A resident called our office to request a clean up, and the CD13 Clean Team worked to remove litter, bulky items and overgrown weeds on Winona Blvd, from Sunset Blvd to Hollywood Blvd. See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in the Echo Park District Office at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS](#)

SAVE THE DROP!

RAIN. IT'S LIKE A FREE SPRINKLER

Turn off your sprinklers when it rains and give 'em a break for 3-5 days!



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



LOS ANGELES - The City's Bureau of Sanitation has suggestions on ways to weather the rainy season. For more information, check out the [LA Sanitation website](#).